

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The Official Action rejects claims 13-16 under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over applicants' admitted prior art in view of KEELING et al. 5,481,288. Applicants have canceled the rejected claims, while expressly reserving the right to pursue claims of the same or similar scope in a divisional application.

In light of such cancellation and the explicit allowance of remaining claims 1-12, 21, and 22, applicants believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance, and an early indication of such is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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